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### THE SOURCE OF PLAGUE.

The "Lancet" discusses in its current issue the problem of the extension of plague, which is certainly one of the profoundest mysteries in the whole range of epidemic disease. Why, asks the "Pall Mall Gazette" in quoting this, does plague flare up at intervals, and then retreat once more to remote corners of the world? The established theory that rats are carriers of the disease, and that they transfer it from rat to rat, and from rat to man, does not cover the whole ground. The "Lancet" points out the known prevalence of plague among tarbagans, a species of marmot found in Northern Asia, and explains that the Russian and Chinese Governments have now prohibited the trapping of these animals. "Our contemporary appears to have great faith in the tarbagan theory, as the explanation of the remote source of the world's epidemics of plague, but we may point out one great omission in the chain of evidence. The present prevalence of plague throughout the world is without question traceable to Yunnan in the early nineties. We know of no evidence which connects the tarbagan theory with Yunnan."

### ARMY AIRMAN'S FINE FLIGHT.

630 Miles in 7½ Hours.

Captain Longcroft, No. 2 Squadron, Royal Flying Corps, Montrose, on Nov. 22nd, established a British and probably a world's record in a non-stop flight from Montrose Aerodrome to South Farnborough. D. E. machine 218, which was specially fitted out with a wind-screen, a petrol tank of 54 gallons capacity, and special oiling arrangements, left Montrose Aerodrome at 8.05 a.m., and was reported passing York at 11.55. The pilot went on to Portsmouth, and then turned back to Farnborough, where he descended at 4.10 p.m., having covered 630 miles in 7½ hours. His machine was fitted with a 70 h.p. Renault engine, and he was accompanied by Colonel Sykes, Commandant Military Wing, as passenger. Captain Longcroft also holds the record for flight with an observer, having in the effort to make a nonstop flight from Farnborough to Montrose, remained in the air for 5½ hours before his petrol supply ran out an hour and a half a journey from his destination.

### THIEF LOSES HIS HOARD.

While selling newspapers on the quayside at Hythe, a boy named John Shaw discovered hidden among some rubbish a large pocket-handkerchief containing gold brooches and rings and other jewellery. A man approached him—and the boy ran off with the man in pursuit. He reached the police station, where the jewellery was identified as the proceeds of burglaries.

Mrs. Malcolm, who has been elected provost of Dolair, is the first lady to be chosen provost in Scotland. She is the senior member of the Dollar Council, and was the first lady councillor elected in Scotland. She is also a member of the School Board and Parish Council.

For the first time a Project has been started in the Missionary Association of Scotland. It consists of houses in London and elsewhere for members of the

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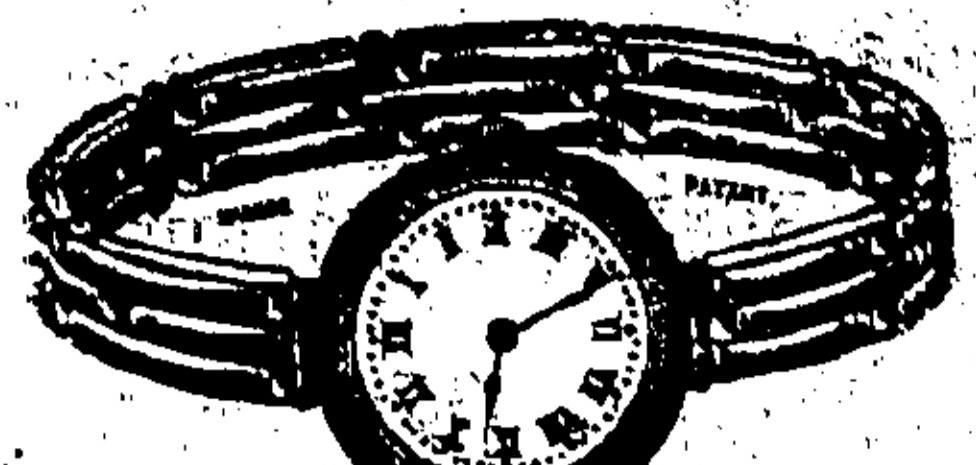
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## AUCTION

## SALE

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction will be held on MONDAY, the 29th day of December, 1913, at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government of CROWN LAND or RECLAMATION DISTRICT, Yau Ma Tei, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal for a further term of 75 years, to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Lot	Boundary Measurements (Approximate)	Gross Area (sq. ft.)	Net Area (sq. ft.)	Depth (ft.)	Price per sq. ft. (Hongkong Dollars)	
					ft.	ft.
Kowloon Estate, K.L.R.	47	113	115	5.44	75	75
Kowloon Estate, K.L.R.	120	about	about	about	about	about

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## PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction will be held on MONDAY, the 29th day of December, 1913, at 3.30 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government of CROWN LAND or RECLAMATION DISTRICT, Yau Ma Tei, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of one year commencing from the 1st day of January 1914.

## Particulars of the Lots:

No. of Lot	Locality	Approx. Depth in Feet	Approx. Annual Crown Rent in Acres
1	Hanbury Quarry Lot.	Rot. Up.	\$
2	No. 1	6.44	1,300
3	Ma Tso Kok Quarry	Ma Tso.	6.70
4	No. 2	6.34	1,300
5	Quarry Lot.	do.	1,300
6	No. 3	1.94	1,300
7	Jaylin Road, Kowloon Quarry Lot.	Jaylin.	5.20
8	Yau Ma Tei Quarry Lot.	Yau Ma Tei.	1.98
9	No. 4	2.00	600
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## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB RACE MEETING 1913.

(Continued from page 4.)

- 10.—The GYMKHANA CUP.—Presented by the Members of the Gymkhana Club. Value \$750 to Winner. Second \$300. Third \$150. For China Ponies. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1913-1914 that have run and not won at this Meeting. Weight for inches per scale. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Five Furlongs.
- OFF DAY.—SATURDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY.
- The TRAVEL HANDICAP.—Winner \$750. Second \$250. Third \$125. For China Ponies. Griffins on date of entry, purchased at a Public Auction of untried Griffins. In Shanghai on Hongkong after 10th April, 1913, on account of a Member or members of the Hongkong Jockey Club as an actual cost of not more than Ta. 200 if in Shanghai or \$325 if in Hongkong. Entrance \$5. Three quarters of a Mile.
- 11.—The NORTHERN STAKES.—Winner \$750. Second \$250. Third \$125. For China Ponies. Griffins on date of entry, purchased at a Public Auction of untried Griffins in Shanghai or Hongkong after 10th April, 1913, on account of a Member or members of the Hongkong Jockey Club as an actual cost of not more than Ta. 200 if in Shanghai or \$325 if in Hongkong. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of any Race No. 5 on the First day 5 lb., the Winner of any Race other than No. 5 on the First day 7 lb. extra. Entrance \$10. One Mile and a quarter.

## THE LATE MADAME MARCHESI.

Teacher of World-famous Prime Donne.

The death of Madame Mathilde Marchesi, which occurred at her daughter's home in Grevelle-place, N.W., deprives the musical world of the greatest teacher of singing since Garcia and of a very remarkable and interesting personality.

Madame Marchesi was 80 years of age, and her memory went back to the great masters of the past. She herself was a pupil of Garcia; she had been the friend of Berioz and of Liszt, of Verdi and of Rubinstein; and "Ground" signed her daughter's marriage register. The highest honours on the operatic stage have been carried off by her pupils, who have included Gabriella Krause, the star of the Paris Opera House for twenty years, Melba, Calvè, Emma Eames, Annetto Steding, Emma Nevada, Ada Crossley, and Felicia Lyne.

DEPARTING FOR GARCIA.

As a student Madame Marchesi used to take Garcia's pupils when he was prevented from giving his lessons, and the man who became her husband, Salvatore Marchesi, was a fellow student. She was attracted in the first instance by his splendid bass voice. He lived to celebrate their golden wedding, but died in 1908, and only last year Madame Marchesi, who felt her loneliness acutely, came to London to live with her daughter, Madame Blanche Marchesi, who also has a famous singing school.

Madame Marchesi's teaching life was divided between Vienna, where she taught at the Conservatoire, with short intervals, from 1864 to 1878, and Paris, where she began a school of her own.

"WINE, WATER, AIRWINE."

"I remember," she told a "Daily News" representative last year, "when Melba first came to me, I was sitting at home with my husband, when a new pupil was announced. We had been going through a period of disappointments with so many would-be stars that I simply could not sit still at all. Another damp rocket, I suppose. I sighed, as I rose ready to take the new pupil. But I ran back soon after in a state of excitement, exclaiming, 'Salvatore! I have found a star at last!' And that star was Melba."

"She stayed with me rather a shorter time than the others, and went straight to Brussels after only one year's training. But every time she had a new pupil to study she came back and worked for months at a time. In no branch of art does the old saying, 'Genius is an infinite capacity for taking pains,' mean so much as it does with us."

"WINE, WATER, AIRWINE."

In spite of her great age, Madame Marchesi was almost to the last full of activity and energy and of her old enthusiasm for teaching. Her memory, if it sometimes failed where names were concerned, was unimpaired, musically. She attributed her immunity from the ordinary ravages of age to hard work, and to a strict and simple régime.

"I have always worked," she said, "for forty years from eight in the morning to eight at night, with a short interval for lunch. I never mixed my food, however much I might be tempted; I never, for example, ate fruit and vegetables at the same meal, or fish and meat; and I ate nothing raw, not even fruit or salad. My favourite beverage is hot water flavoured with a little lemon. I never drink anything cold."

6.—THE AMERICAN CUP.—Presented by American Citizens in residence in Hongkong. Second to receive \$250. Third \$125. For China Ponies. Griffins on date of entry, purchased at a Public Auction of untried Griffins. In Shanghai or Hongkong after 10th April, 1913, on account of a Member or members of the Hongkong Jockey Club. In actual cost of not more than Ta. 200 if in Shanghai or \$325 if in Hongkong. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of any Race No. 5 on the First day 5 lb., the Winner of any Race other than No. 5 on the First day 7 lb. extra. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$10. One Mile and a quarter.

7.—THE GOVERNOR'S CUP.—Presented by His Excellency Sir F. H. May. Second to receive \$250. Third \$125. For China Ponies. Griffins on date of entry, purchased at a Public Auction of untried Griffins. In Shanghai or Hongkong after 10th April, 1913, on account of a Member or members of the Hongkong Jockey Club. In actual cost of not more than Ta. 200 if in Shanghai or \$325 if in Hongkong. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of any Race No. 5 on the First day 5 lb., the Winner of any Race other than No. 5 on the First day 7 lb. extra. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$10. One Mile and a quarter.

8.—THE MONGOLIAN STAKES.—Winner \$750. Second \$250. Third \$125. For China Ponies. Griffins on date of entry, purchased at a Public Auction of untried Griffins. In Shanghai or Hongkong after 10th April, 1913, on account of a Member or members of the Hongkong Jockey Club. In actual cost of not more than Ta. 200 if in Shanghai or \$325 if in Hongkong. Weight for inches as per scale. The Winner of Race No. 5 on the First day 5 lb., the Winner of any Race other than No. 5 on the First day 7 lb. extra. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$10. One Mile and a quarter.

9.—THE CHAMPION STAKES.—Winner \$2,000. Second \$1,000. Third \$500. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. The Winner of any Race other than the two above enumerated, and also the Winner of both said Races if the same pony, barred. Entrance \$10. One Mile and a quarter.

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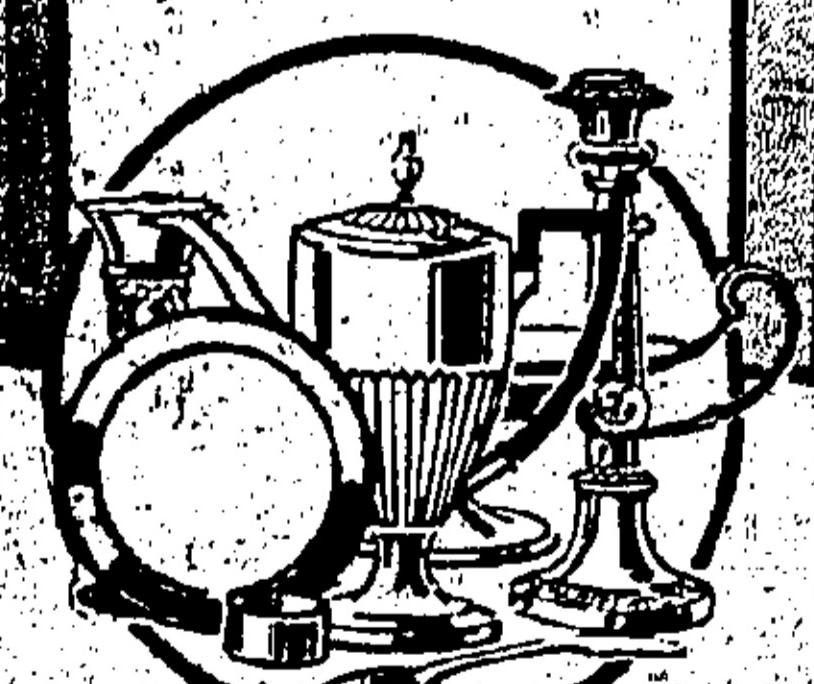
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several occasions that troops in one part of the field were not aware of what was going on in another part. The writer makes some comment upon the training of the new signalling staff which he considers is at present inadequate. At the Army staff tour no signal companies came out, and the work of all staffs is too much divorced from that of the companies which follow a favourite practice of the Engineers and usually seek a sequestered spot where they can train alone. It would be better were the staffs and companies which should complete each other, to work more frequently in unison. But, even so, the writer is not convinced that the signal companies alone can be trusted to keep commanders in touch in all circumstances. Cables are frequently broken by heavy guns and wagons—a cow was found peacefully eating a cable at the Army exercise—and, in any case, it is the well-established practice of all staffs who know their business to send important messages in duplicate and triplicate by different hands and different routes. It will be noticed that he makes no reference in the foregoing extracts to the use of wireless telegraphy in this connection. But the military correspondent of the "Morning Post" in the report states that the wireless communication worked well, but seems to have been little used. "The reason for this," he declares, "is obvious. Wireless messages have to be sent in cipher if of any importance, and coding and decoding is unquestionably a nuisance. In time of war cipher has constantly to be used in all forms of telegraphy, and it would be well perhaps if more practice in such work were to be afforded during future peace exercises."

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Wednesday, December 31.—  
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## BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## DUKE OF BEDFORD'S LONDON PROPERTY.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—It is stated that the Duke of Bedford has also sold parts of his Bloomsbury estate for £300,000.

(Note.—Recently His Lordship disposed of his Covent Garden estate for about three million sterling.—Ed.)

## AMERICAN CURRENCY CONFERENCE.

An All-Night Sitting.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

A telegram from Washington states that the Currency Conference sat all yesterday night, and terminated in the morning with an arrangement of all points over which there had been a deadlock concerning the composition of the Federal Reserve Board. This ended with the majority agreeing to retain a Comptroller of Currency on the Board.

Report E was to be presented to both Houses to-day and an effort to obtain its final passage before night.

## THE MEXICAN CRISIS.

The Rebels and Foreigners.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The Mexican rebel leader at Chihuahua has ordered the execution of anyone found looting or molesting the property of foreigners or Mexicans.

## Six Rebels Shot.

Sir rebels who sacked the residence of a Mexican were shot.

## Spanish Property.

All Spanish stores have been confiscated, and closed, and sealed orders issued against molesting the property of Spaniards in future.

## Rebels and Foreign Ships.

A telegram from Washington states that the Mexican rebels have informed Lloyds that all vessels of whatever nationality bringing munitions consigned to President Huerta will be destroyed.

It is believed that the threat is somewhat empty as the rebels have no ships.

## A TITIAN FOR AMERICA.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Sir Hugh Lane has sold Titian's portrait of Philip the Second to Mrs. Emery, an American collectoress, at a price stated to be £70,000.

## PESHAWAR-CALCUTTA MAIL HELD UP.

Driver, Fireman, and Guard Killed.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

Reuter's correspondent at Peshawar telegraphs that a band of Pathan outlaws held up the Peshawar-Calcutta mail at Peshawar, near Nowshera, killed the driver, fireman, and guard and started to loot the cars, but fled upon the appearance of four British officers and some soldiers.

Troops from Nowshera have started in pursuit.

## MR. CHURCHILL IN FRANCE.

## Military Aviation Demonstration.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

A telegram from Paris states that Mr. Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, who is on a visit to France, for the purpose of inspecting the progress of aviation, visited the aerodrome at Buc, and saw over 40 armed military aeroplanes in the air simultaneously. Several British officers who were accompanying Mr. Churchill also made flights.

## MURDERED BY CANNIBALS.

Two Germans and Fourteen Natives Killed.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

A telegram from Brisbane states that Cannibals of New Melanesia (New Guinea) have murdered two German scientists, and four natives. The former had been working on the coast, and were engaged in collecting specimens. Inhabitants of the island are said to be cannibals.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## THE PORTSMOUTH FIRE.

FEARED DEATH OF TWO SIGNALMEN.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Two signalmen at the semaphore tower, who had pluckily remained behind to send a general alarm message, are missing. It is practically certain that they perished. A third signalman managed to escape on the roof and was rendered senseless.

The fire was checked when it had reached to within eight feet of tanks containing 30,000 tons of oil.

The damages are estimated at half a million sterling.

No credence is placed in a rumour that the fire was caused by Suffragettes.

## AN AVIATOR KILLED.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

Mr. Slack, the aviator, has been killed in a motor accident at St. Albans.

## SPORTING.

Taikoo Volunteer Challenge Cup.

The winner at Sunday's competition for the above handsome trophy was Mr. W. Budge, not W. Bridge, as inadvertently stated in our report of the competition in yesterday's issue.

## Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.

A cruiser race for a cup presented by H.E. Mr. Claud Severs takes place on the 26th inst., the course being—from a line between the Club flagstaff and the chimney of the pump-house of the No. 1 Dock at Kowloon round the beacon in the Channel to the North-west of Cheung Chow, leaving it to port, round Stonemaster's Island, leaving it to starboard and finishing across a line between the Tamar and the Kowloon police pier. Distance 22 miles. Start at 10 a.m. Time limit, 8 p.m.

Handicap.

La Cigale ..... S. M. S.

Miranda ..... 0 44 —

Oenone ..... 0 45 50

Snipe ..... 0 45 50

Queen Bee ..... 0 55 —

Clan ..... 0 58 40

Brynhilde ..... 1 6 —

Dorothy ..... 1 12 50

Iris ..... 1 17 —

Scotsgarden ..... 1 22 30

Flora ..... 1 28 —

## Association Football.

A match between the following elevens representing the Rugby and Association sections of the Club will be played on the Club ground, Happy Valley, to-morrow evening at 5 o'clock:

Soccer—P. H. Cobb, A. Hamilton,

M. L. Ralton, C. Mycock, W. B. Ridgen,

C. J. Cooke, A. L. Gage, I. L. Goldenberg,

R. F. Long, C. C. Edgecombe, N. L. Ralton.

Rugger—Jasper Clark, H. G.

Begary, T. E. S. Robson, J. H. Bone, F.

Linton, J. C. Taylor, A. S. Kemphorne,

J. M. Walker, H. S. House, A. F. Dene,

A. N. J. Joseph.

BOXING DAY MATCH.

NAVY v. ARMY.

Navy v. Army.

The arrangements for this match are now practically complete, the Navy team being selected after a series of trial matches, so that they left nothing to chance. With the names of the selected players Secretary Smith has issued instructions as to the necessity of the men being fit and a host of detail that shows how serious the Navymen are taking the match. The following are the teams that will probably line out on the Club ground on Friday at 3.30, previous to which Mr. Cheung will photograph the teams.

NAVY.

Moore (R.G.A.) Hartmann (Tamar)

Coxon (R.E.) Harrison (Hampshire)

Fife (D.C.L.I.) Lane (Minotaur)

Errigan (R.E.) Lavender (Alcester)

A. N. Other Orman (Hampshire)

Trigwell (D.C.L.I.) Soudain (Minotaur)

Moseley (D.C.L.I.) Frost (Tamar)

Davis (A.O.C.) Smith (Minotaur)

Green (R.G.A.) Reed (Newcastle)

Kelly (R.E.) Adams (Tamar)

Pinchard (R.G.A.) Lyons (Robin)

Hobson, Mr. J. W. Zeger

Lindner, Mr. Woods (Army), Mr.

Menzies (Mary).

TO MORROW'S MAIL.

B.G.A. &amp; ROYAL ENGINEERS.

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Division United Services, and their uniforms, which are greatly increased.

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Following will be the Royal Engineers.

Royal Guards.

Royal Artillery.

Royal Dragoon Guards.

Royal Horse Guards.

Royal Fusiliers.

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## THE PEACE OF IRELAND.

## SERVICE OF INTERCESSION TO BE HELD.

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